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INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS: PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, 1973-74

This publication contains preliminary statistics of industrial accidents reported to the Victorian Government Statist during 1973-74 under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Regulations. For comparative purposes, statistics for 1969-70 to 1972-73 are also included. Figures for 1973-74 are subject to revision.

The collection is restricted to fatal cases and to those where the worker was incapacitated for work for a period of one week or more. Reports included relate to workers compensation claims finalised during 1973-74, and to claims reported as unclosed after the period of three years. Thus the cases to which the statistics relate did not necessarily occur in 1973-74.

It should be noted that changes in the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act occur from time to time. Excluded from the provisions of the Act are Australian Government employees and self-employed persons.

Industrial accident. For the purpose of this collection, the following definition is applied: an industrial accident is a compensated work injury causing death, permanent disability, or absence of the injured person from work for one week or more, excluding journey cases, cases occurring during a recess period, and all disease cases except where the disease is considered to be precipitated or aggravated by an accidental event.

Information has been included concerning accidents occurring on journeys to and from employment or during a recess period, and disease cases.

For further definitions refer to the more detailed annual publication Industrial accidents and workers compensation (reference number 19) to be released later this year.

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VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,
JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES

Particulars	Number			Cost of claim			Period of incapacity			
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks	weeks	
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS										
Fatal	- 1969-70	49	..	49	482,438	..	482,438	..	..
	1970-71	33	..	33	352,858	..	352,858	..	..
	1971-72	50	..	50	549,574	..	549,574	..	..
	1972-73	39	r..	r39	393,854	r..	r393,854	..	..
	1973-74	31	..	31	377,256	..	377,256	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1969-70	27,210	4,609	31,819	8,702,945	1,327,301	10,030,246	104,976	21,422	126,398
	1970-71	26,491	4,477	30,968	9,334,301	1,423,186	10,757,487	107,349	20,242	127,591
	1971-72	27,775	4,368	32,143	10,500,552	1,417,143	11,917,695	112,937	21,489	134,426
	1972-73	29,321	4,610	33,931	10,839,952	1,598,033	12,437,985	107,630	20,665	128,295
	1973-74	31,477	5,066	36,543	13,063,195	1,953,549	15,016,744	116,783	22,509	139,292
JOURNEY AND RECESS - DISEASE AND ACCIDENT CASES										
Fatal	- 1969-70	60	3	63	416,385	9,567	425,952	..	..	..
	1970-71	59	1	60	411,848	280	412,128	..	..	..
	1971-72	62	3	65	518,818	4,463	523,281	..	..	..
	1972-73	45	r3	r43	359,396	r11,217	r370,613	..	..	..
	1973-74	34	1	35	319,128	18,063	337,191	..	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1969-70	1,575	950	2,525	491,676	224,955	716,631	9,014	4,852	13,866
	1970-71	1,496	968	2,464	506,527	209,961	716,488	8,387	4,921	13,308
	1971-72	1,554	958	2,512	523,372	258,111	781,483	8,776	5,450	14,226
	1972-73	1,470	901	2,371	497,879	269,711	767,590	6,810	5,249	12,059
	1973-74	1,647	1,026	2,673	756,128	337,092	1,093,220	7,925	5,200	13,125
OTHER DISEASES										
Fatal	- 1969-70	245	4	249	1,752,910	15,838	1,768,748	..	..	..
	1970-71	255	6	261	1,846,382	19,394	1,865,776	..	..	..
	1971-72	321	6	327	2,378,436	13,235	2,391,671	..	..	..
	1972-73	219	r2	r221	1,923,711	r2,780	r1,926,491	..	..	..
	1973-74	213	1	214	2,130,570	12,882	2,143,452	..	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1969-70	1,084	683	1,767	743,713	133,716	877,429	9,932	2,912	12,844
	1970-71	1,017	593	1,610	747,031	138,443	885,474	9,654	3,117	12,771
	1971-72	1,111	502	1,613	939,816	97,365	1,037,181	10,306	1,858	12,164
	1972-73	979	530	1,509	833,672	135,700	969,372	8,405	2,022	10,420
	1973-74	1,040	473	1,513	886,441	162,236	1,048,677	8,187	1,992	10,171
GRAND TOTAL										
Fatal	- 1969-70	354	7	361	2,651,733	25,405	2,677,138	..	..	..
	1970-71	347	7	354	2,611,088	19,674	2,630,762	..	..	..
	1971-72	433	9	442	3,446,828	17,698	3,464,526	..	..	..
	1972-73	303	5	308	2,676,961	13,997	2,690,958	..	..	..
	1973-74	278	2	280	2,826,954	30,945	2,857,899	..	..	..
Non-fatal	- 1969-70	29,869	6,242	36,111	9,938,334	1,685,972	11,624,306	123,922	29,186	153,108
	1970-71	29,004	6,038	35,042	10,587,859	1,771,590	12,359,449	125,390	28,280	153,670
	1971-72	30,440	5,828	36,268	11,963,740	1,772,619	13,736,359	132,019	28,797	160,816
	1972-73	31,770	6,041	37,811	12,171,503	2,003,444	14,174,947	122,845	27,936	150,781
	1973-74	34,164	6,565	40,729	14,705,764	2,452,877	17,158,641	132,895	29,701	162,596

NOTE. Comprises fatal and non-fatal claims closed during the year or unclosed claims of three years duration. Period of incapacity of non-fatal claims is one week or more.

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